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Petersbourg, January 18.

AN Expreſs is arrived here with Advice that the Empreſs, who ſet out from St. Annenhof the 13th Inſtant, deſigns to be here To-morrow. Some Troops that are quartered in this Neighbourhood have Orders to reinforce our Garriſon, which is to be compoſed of above 12000 Men. It is hoped that the Empreſs, on her Arrival, will grant ſome new Privileges to the Inhabitants of this City and Cronſlot, in favour of their Commerce. As the Gallies which make a Part of the Fleet, are of no conſiderable Service, it is reported that they will be diſuſed, and that Frigates will be built in the Room of them. We have Advice, that all the States of the reſpective Provinces of the Empire, as alſo the Chiefs of the Coſſacks, Subjects of the Empreſs, have taken the new Oath ordered by her Imperial Majeſty.

Hague, Feb. 15, *N. S.* The ſigning of the Acceſſion of this State to the Treaty of Vienna, the Inſtruments of which Acceſſion are engroſſed and got ready, will, it is ſaid, be performed next Thurſday. The Deputies of Frieſland have notified that they daily expect the Conſent of their Province. The States of Holland are aſſembled, and have under Conſideration the Military Eſtimates for the current Year, which have been laid before them by the Council of State.

Whitehall, Feb. 1. 1731-32.

Whereas Sir Philip Yorke, Kt. His Majeſty's Attorney General, received on Friday laſt, by the Penny Poſt, a Letter dated January 26, 1731, *ſigned A. B. C. and directed to Sir Phillip York, at his Chambers in the Temple, deſiring him to place Three Hundred Guineas in a particular Manner and Place therein deſcribed, on the next Day, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve at Night, and threatning, that in Caſe of Failure his Houſe ſhould be in Flames within* 24 *Hours after, and that he himſelf ſhould not long ſurvive it: His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in ſo heinous a Crime, is pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

And as a further Encouragement, His Majeſty is alſo pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of Five Hundred Pounds to any one of them, or to any other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall make ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, to be paid on the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Admiralty Office, Feb. 4, 1731.

The Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby give Notice, That a Seſſions of Oyer and Terminer for the Affairs of the Admiralty, will be held at Juſtice Hall in the Old-Baily, on the 28*th Day of this Month of February, at Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon.* By Command of their Lordſhips,

J. Burchett.

Victualling Office, Feb. 4, 1731.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, That on Friday the 25*th of this Inſtant, in the Forenoon, they will be ready to receive Propoſals, and treat with ſuch Perſons as are inclinable to furniſh Iron Hoops for the Service of His Majeſty's Navy.*

Dublin-Caſtle, Jan. 26, 1731.

Whereas by His Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment of Half Pay in the Kingdom of Ireland, the ſeveral Perſons receiving Half Pay, are, before they receive any Payment, to return to the Muſter Maſter General, who is to keep the ſame carefully, a voluntary Oath by each of them taken, before any one or more of the Judges, Maſters in Chancery, Juſtices of the Peace, or other Perſons having